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## Domestic Violence Counts Alaska Summary

On September 10, 2014, 18 out of 19 (95%) identified local domestic violence programs in Alaska participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 18 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 406 Victims Served in One Day

292 domestic violence victims (116 children and 176 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

114 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	83%
Children's Support or Advocacy	78%
Emergency Shelter	72%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	56%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	50%

### 54 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 54 calls, averaging more than 2 hotline calls every hour.

### 174 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 174 individuals in communities across Alaska attended 9 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 28 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 39% (11) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 25 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was housing.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 28% reported not enough staff.
- 17% reported reduced government funding.
- 6% reported cuts from private funding sources.

Across Alaska, 18 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (71%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Twenty-one individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"A woman we had previously worked with on a protective order came in because she didn't feel that the protective order was strict enough, and was scared for her safety. Upon reviewing the order and hearing about potential contact she could have with her perpetrator, we found that there was, in fact, a loophole in the protective order so the perpetrator could gain access to her. We helped her fill out a modification for the protective order, which she was going to bring to court the next day."

— Advocate



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## Domestic Violence Counts Alabama Summary

On September 10, 2014, 18 out of 18 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Alabama participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 18 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 786 Victims Served in One Day

324 domestic violence victims (168 children and 156 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

462 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	94%
Emergency Shelter	83%
Transportation	61%
Transitional Housing	50%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	50%
Childcare/Daycare	50%
Rural Outreach	28%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	6%

### 161 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 161 calls, averaging more than 6 hotline calls every hour.

### 496 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 496 individuals in communities across Alabama attended 17 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 38 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 47% (18) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 25 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn’t be provided was housing, followed by financial assistance and counseling.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 33% reported reduced government funding.
- 17% reported reduced individual donations.
- 17% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 17% reported not enough staff.

Across Alabama, 16 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (52%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Twenty-three individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“A victim in transitional housing had no resources to access transportation. We were unable to assist her and referred her to the City. The City was able unable to assist her. Her only means of transportation is walking.”

— Advocate



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## Domestic Violence Counts Arkansas Summary

On September 10, 2014, 30 out of 34 (88%) identified local domestic violence programs in Arkansas participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 30 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 400 Victims Served in One Day

294 domestic violence victims (143 children and 151 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

106 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Transitional Housing	27%
Childcare/Daycare	27%
Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	20%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	20%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	13%
Therapy/Counseling for Adults (by a licensed practitioner)	7%
Therapy/Counseling for Children (by a licensed practitioner)	0%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	0%

### 169 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 169 calls, averaging more than 7 hotline calls every hour.

### 100 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 100 individuals in communities across Arkansas attended 9 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 56 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 36% (20) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 50 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was housing, followed by legal representation, financial assistance, and transportation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 37% reported government funding cuts.
- 27% reported reduced individual donations.
- 27% reported not enough staff.
- 23% reported cuts from private funding sources.

Across Arkansas, 24 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (80%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Forty-eight individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“On the Census Day, a woman came into our shelter. She was terrified since her boyfriend had been holding her hostage for over a month. The police had finally arrested him, but she knew he would find her as soon as he got out of jail.”

— Advocate



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## Domestic Violence Counts Arizona Summary

On September 10, 2014, 35 out of 40 (88%) identified local domestic violence programs in Arizona participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 35 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,602 Victims Served in One Day

1,244 domestic violence victims (652 children and 592 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

358 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	97%
Children's Support or Advocacy	91%
Emergency Shelter	89%
Transitional Housing	57%
Childcare/Daycare	29%
Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	20%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	20%
Support/Advocacy to Victims of Trafficking	11%

### 300 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 300 calls, averaging more than 12 hotline calls every hour.

### 507 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 507 individuals in communities across Arizona attended 27 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 171 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 90% (154) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 150 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was housing, followed by transportation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 31% reported reduced government funding.
- 26% reported reduced individual donations.
- 26% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 26% reported not enough staff.

Across Arizona, 45 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (70%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Twenty-five individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"A victim and her four children sought shelter due to a dangerous abuser in her home. We were unable to house her due to being beyond full capacity, our own waiting list of 50 families, and no other available shelter to refer her to. She and her children became homeless."

— Advocate



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## Domestic Violence Counts California Summary

On September 10, 2014, 120 out of 120 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in California participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 120 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 5,784 Victims Served in One Day

2,964 domestic violence victims (1,712 children and 1,252 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

2,820 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Children’s Support or Advocacy	93%
Bilingual Advocacy	65%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	63%
Transitional Housing	49%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	28%
Support/Advocacy to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	24%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	19%

### 1,910 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 1,910 calls, averaging more than 79 hotline calls every hour.

### 2,608 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 2,608 individuals in communities across California attended 145 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 1,216 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 55% (669) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 1,200 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn’t be provided was housing, followed by legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 37% reported reduced government funding.
- 25% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 23% reported not enough staff.
- 13% reported reduced individual donations.

Across California, 147 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (77%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. One hundred forty-seven individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“Domestic violence service providers are confronted daily with families who have complex needs and must often operate in environments where resources are scarce. Programs are working across service systems to better address the needs of this vulnerable population, but there are still major gaps in services and many victims’ needs are not being met.”

— Advocate



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## Domestic Violence Counts Colorado Summary

On September 10, 2014, 35 out of 45 (78%) identified local domestic violence programs in Colorado participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 35 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 904 Victims Served in One Day

509 domestic violence victims (271 children and 238 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

395 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Children's Support or Advocacy	86%
Emergency Shelter	71%
Bilingual Advocacy	54%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	43%
Rural Outreach	29%
Transitional Housing	26%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	23%
Support/Advocacy to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	11%

### 357 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 357 calls, averaging more than 14 hotline calls every hour.

### 199 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 199 individuals in communities across Colorado attended 15 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 163 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 84% (137) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 150 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was housing, followed by financial assistance, legal representation, and shelter.

#### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 29% reported reduced government funding.
- 23% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 17% reported not enough staff.
- 11% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Colorado, 24 staff positions were eliminated in the past year. Because most of these positions were direct services (82%), such as shelter or legal advocates, there were fewer advocates available to answer calls for help. Fifty-one individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"A victim requested shelter for herself and her three children, but our shelter was full. We provided referrals to other shelters, but often don't know the outcomes of the families who are unable to access our shelter."

— Advocate



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## Domestic Violence Counts Connecticut Summary

On September 10, 2014, 15 out of 15 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Connecticut participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 15 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,109 Victims Served in One Day

321 domestic violence victims (148 children and 173 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

788 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	100%
Emergency Shelter	87%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	80%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	80%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	67%
Advocacy Related to Health Care or Healthcare Systems	40%
Support/Advocacy to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	27%

### 325 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 325 calls, averaging more than 13 hotline calls every hour.

### 741 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 741 individuals in communities across Connecticut attended 29 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 44 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 82% (36) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 40 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn’t be provided was housing, followed by legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 13% reported reduced government funding.
- 13% reported not enough staff.
- 13% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 7% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Connecticut, 8 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (73%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Twelve individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“A woman fleeing her abuser with her child called our hotline looking for shelter space. All of the shelters in the state of Connecticut were full. The woman and her child had to stay with a family member but we were able to offer them community-based services.”

— Advocate



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## Domestic Violence Counts District of Columbia Summary

On September 10, 2014, 10 out of 12 (83%) identified local domestic violence programs in the District of Columbia participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 10 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 847 Victims Served in One Day

499 domestic violence victims (243 children and 256 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

348 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children's Support or Advocacy	60%
Bilingual Advocacy	60%
Group Support or Advocacy	40%
Emergency Shelter	30%
Transitional Housing	30%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	30%
Support/Advocacy to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	30%

### 75 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 75 calls, averaging more than 3 hotline calls every hour.

### 212 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 212 individuals in communities across the District of Columbia attended 16 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 77 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 36% (28) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 75 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed services that couldn't be provided were housing, rental assistance, and help with utilities.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

🏠 10% reported not enough staff.

Across the District of Columbia, 8 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"A victim called our 24-hour hotline looking for shelter. She completed our assessment and had to be placed on a waiting list because we had no space."

— Advocate



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## Domestic Violence Counts Delaware Summary

On September 10, 2014, 7 out of 7 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Delaware participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 7 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 219 Victims Served in One Day

109 domestic violence victims (53 children and 56 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

110 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	57%
Bilingual Advocacy	57%
Emergency Shelter	43%
Children's Support or Advocacy	43%
Transitional Housing	29%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	29%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	14%

### 17 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 17 calls, averaging almost one hotline call every hour.

### 49 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 49 individuals in communities across Delaware attended 3 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 14 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 71% (10) Were for Housing

Victims made 14 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was housing, followed by counseling, financial assistance, and legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 43% reported reduced government funding.
- 43% reported not enough staff.
- 29% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 14% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Delaware, 7 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (80%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Eleven individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"On the Census Day, we provided transportation, advocacy, and an interpreter for a victim whose attorney was no longer able to represent her. We tried to obtain another attorney to represent her, but could not locate one in the community able to take the case and did not have the resources to secure her an attorney."

— Advocate



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## Domestic Violence Counts Florida Summary

On September 10, 2014, 42 out of 42 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Florida participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 42 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 3,550 Victims Served in One Day

2,026 domestic violence victims (1,046 children and 980 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,524 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Emergency Shelter	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	100%
Transportation	81%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	69%
Transitional Housing	45%
Rural Outreach	33%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	26%

### 857 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 857 calls, averaging more than 35 hotline calls every hour.

### 468 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 468 individuals in communities across Florida attended 31 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 224 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 63% (141) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 220 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn’t be provided was housing, followed by financial assistance and legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 21% reported reduced government funding.
- 17% reported not enough staff.
- 14% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 10% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Florida, 26 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (76%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Thirty-eight individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“A family was recently housed in a hotel because the shelter was beyond capacity. Emergency shelter, safe and affordable housing and financial assistance are our most frequent unmet needs for both our residential and non-residential survivors and their families.”

— Advocate



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## Domestic Violence Counts Georgia Summary

On September 10, 2014, 42 out of 50 (84%) identified local domestic violence programs in Georgia participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 42 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,883 Victims Served in One Day

1,132 domestic violence victims (653 children and 479 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

751 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Transportation	74%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	45%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	43%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	36%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	33%
Bilingual Advocacy	29%
Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	14%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	10%

### 502 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 502 calls, averaging more than 20 hotline calls every hour.

### 574 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 574 individuals in communities across Georgia attended 29 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 224 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 66% (148) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 220 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn’t be provided was housing, followed by financial assistance and legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 19% reported reduced government funding.
- 19% reported reduced individual donations.
- 14% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 7% reported not enough staff.

Across Georgia, 25 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (68%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Sixteen individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“A victim was desperately seeking an attorney because she was terrified to represent herself against her abuser for her divorce. We were unable to find anyone to represent her for free and had no funds to pay an attorney to help her.”

— Advocate



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## Domestic Violence Counts Guam Summary

On September 10, 2014, 4 out of 4 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Guam participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 4 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 43 Victims Served in One Day

40 domestic violence victims (27 children and 13 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

3 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	75%
Emergency Shelter	75%
Transitional Housing	50%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	50%
Transportation	50%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	25%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	25%

### 22 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 22 calls, averaging almost one hotline call every hour.

### 36 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 50% (18) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 30 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn’t be provided was housing, followed by financial assistance and legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 50% reported reduced government funding.
- 25% reported reduced individual donations.
- 25% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 25% reported not enough staff.

Across Guam, 2 staff positions were eliminated in the past year and both of these positions were direct services, such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Two individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“Oftentimes, victims struggle with leaving since there is very limited housing assistance and not enough beds in our shelters.”

— Advocate



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## Domestic Violence Counts Hawaii Summary

On September 10, 2014, 16 out of 23 (70%) identified local domestic violence programs in Hawaii participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 16 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 547 Victims Served in One Day

198 domestic violence victims (93 children and 105 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

349 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children's Support or Advocacy	81%
Emergency Shelter	50%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	38%
Transitional Housing	31%
Transportation	25%
Support/Advocacy to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	19%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	19%

### 131 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 131 calls, averaging more than 5 hotline calls every hour.

### 85 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 85 individuals in communities across Hawaii attended 6 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 33 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 9% (3) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 30 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was legal representation, followed by housing.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 13% reported reduced government funding.
- 6% reported not enough staff.

Across Hawaii, 8 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (92%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Six individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"A survivor needed to file custody documents and our staff was able to print the custody forms for her and referred her to legal aid. However, our staff was unable to provide the victim with a lawyer, as we do not have lawyers in office."

— Advocate



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## Domestic Violence Counts Iowa Summary

On September 10, 2014, 22 out of 22 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Iowa participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 22 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 853 Victims Served in One Day

517 domestic violence victims (282 children and 235 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

336 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children's Support or Advocacy	86%
Emergency Shelter	64%
Transportation	64%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	64%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	59%
Rural Outreach	59%
Bilingual Advocacy	50%

### 255 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 255 calls, averaging more than 10 hotline calls every hour.

### 178 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 178 individuals in communities across Iowa attended 22 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 133 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 56% (74) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 125 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was housing, followed by transportation, legal representation, and financial assistance.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 14% reported reduced government funding.
- 9% reported not enough staff.

Across Iowa, 18 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (89%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Twenty individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"We received a call from a woman who was assaulted the day of the Census. She had a young daughter and was new to the area. She was very afraid and after the assault took place the client no longer had a place to stay. Through working with our staff, we were able to get this woman a three-night hotel stay in the area and provide her with additional support."

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Idaho Summary

On September 10, 2014, 20 out of 23 (87%) identified local domestic violence programs in Idaho participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 20 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 514 Victims Served in One Day

189 domestic violence victims (98 children and 91 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

325 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children's Support or Advocacy	70%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	65%
Rural Outreach	40%
Bilingual Advocacy	35%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	30%
Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	15%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	10%

### 184 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 184 calls, averaging more than 7 hotline calls every hour.

### 146 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 146 individuals in communities across Idaho attended 9 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 160 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 78% (125) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 150 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that was unavailable was permanent housing, followed by financial assistance and legal representation.

#### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 25% reported reduced government funding.
- 25% reported not enough staff.
- 20% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 20% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Idaho, 22 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (79%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Twenty-two individual services at local program were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"Through the empowerment-based advocacy by a community domestic violence program, a woman, who had escaped an abusive relationship, was able to qualify for low-income housing and register her two daughters for school."

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Illinois Summary

On September 10, 2014, 56 out of 56 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Illinois participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 56 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 2,628 Victims Served in One Day

1,227 domestic violence victims (626 children and 601 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,401 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Transportation	59%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	45%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	41%
Bilingual Advocacy	36%
Advocacy Related to Health Care or Healthcare Systems	30%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	23%
Rural Outreach	18%
Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	14%

### 1,003 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 1,003 calls, averaging more than 41 hotline calls every hour.

### 858 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 858 individuals in communities across Illinois attended 55 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 506 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 54% (273) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 500 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was housing, followed by legal representation and counseling.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 30% reported reduced government funding.
- 16% reported not enough staff.
- 14% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 14% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Illinois, 37 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (79%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Forty-eight individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"A woman obtained an emergency order of protection (EOP), was provided transportation to assist her in gathering food for her and her children, and was given a donated cell phone to use for 911 purposes. She said that obtaining the EOP saved her and her children's lives because she would not have been able to keep the abuser away if she did not have the legal means to remove him from the home."

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Indiana Summary

On September 10, 2014, 47 out of 47 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Indiana participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 47 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,807 Victims Served in One Day

1,170 domestic violence victims (577 children and 593 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

637 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	81%
Emergency Shelter	68%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	64%
Transportation	53%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	47%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	36%
Rural Outreach	32%

### 651 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 651 calls, averaging more than 27 hotline calls every hour.

### 1,101 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1,101 individuals in communities across Indiana attended 47 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 182 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 63% (115) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 180 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn’t be provided was housing, followed by financial assistance and legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 26% reported reduced government funding.
- 21% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 19% reported reduced individual donations.
- 19% reported not enough staff.

Across Indiana, 48 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (74%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Sixty-five individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“The most common challenges our clients face are finding employment that pays a living wage; affordable and dependable childcare; and safe affordable housing. Many domestic violence victims are left homeless and/or return to the abuser because being homeless and plunged into poverty, especially with children, feels as dehumanizing as the domestic violence.”

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Kansas Summary

On September 10, 2014, 26 out of 26 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Kansas participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 26 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 951 Victims Served in One Day

430 domestic violence victims (230 children and 200 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

521 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	96%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	92%
Emergency Shelter	85%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	69%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	58%
Bilingual Advocacy	38%
Rural Outreach	31%

### 334 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 334 calls, averaging more than 13 hotline calls every hour.

### 408 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 408 individuals in communities across Kansas attended 22 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 284 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 46% (131) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 280 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed services that couldn’t be provided was housing, followed by legal representation and financial assistance.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 35% reported reduced government funding.
- 27% reported reduced individual donations.
- 23% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 15% reported not enough staff.

Across Kansas, 24 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (83%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Thirty-two individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“One of our advocates had been working with a survivor of domestic violence who had come into the shelter with her children after fleeing from abuse. While she was in the shelter, she continued working and our advocate was able to connect her with community resources for additional support. On the day of the DV Census, this client was approved to move into an apartment!”

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Kentucky Summary

On September 10, 2014, 15 out of 15 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Kentucky participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 15 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 958 Victims Served in One Day

461 domestic violence victims (207 children and 254 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

497 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Emergency Shelter	100%
Children's Support or Advocacy	100%
Transportation	100%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	73%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	67%
Transitional Housing	47%
Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	33%

### 215 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 215 calls, averaging more than 8 hotline calls every hour.

### 149 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 149 individuals in communities across Kentucky attended 9 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 95 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 71% (67) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 90 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was housing, followed by counseling and legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 60% reported reduced government funding.
- 47% reported not enough staff.
- 20% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 20% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Kentucky, 23 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (94%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Ten individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"A victim in our shelter applied for and was awarded housing assistance. Our staff helped her find a safe affordable apartment for her and her teen son. On the Census Day, the paperwork was completed and now she and her son will be able to move into their apartment."

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Louisiana Summary

On September 10, 2014, 15 out of 16 (94%) identified local domestic violence programs in Louisiana participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 15 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 641 Victims Served in One Day

298 domestic violence victims (163 children and 135 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

343 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Emergency Shelter	100%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	73%
Rural Outreach	67%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	47%
Advocacy Related to Health Care or Healthcare Systems	47%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	33%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	33%

### 210 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 210 calls, averaging more than 8 hotline calls every hour.

### 245 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 245 individuals in communities across Louisiana attended 12 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 141 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 45% (63) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 140 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was housing, followed by financial assistance and transportation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 33% reported not enough staff.
- 27% reported reduced government funding.
- 13% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 7% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Louisiana, 12 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (92%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Thirty-one individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"A survivor requested help to relocate her family to the Midwest. She was fleeing domestic violence from her husband. Once her husband left for work, she packed all her clothes and loaded her car. She needed assistance with purchasing gas. Our staff counseled the survivor and provided gas cards and snacks for the long car ride so that she could get to her supportive family."

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Massachusetts Summary

On September 10, 2014, 51 out of 51 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Massachusetts participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 51 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,795 Victims Served in One Day

855 domestic violence victims (427 children and 428 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

940 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	69%
Emergency Shelter	51%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	43%
Transportation	39%
Group Support or Advocacy	39%
Transitional Housing	37%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	37%

### 610 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 610 calls, averaging more than 25 hotline calls every hour.

### 341 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 341 individuals in communities across Massachusetts attended 24 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 398 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 68% (271) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 390 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn’t be provided was housing, followed by financial assistance and legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 27% reported reduced government funding.
- 24% reported not enough staff. reported
- 20% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 14% reduced individual donations.

Across Massachusetts, 34 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (74%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Fifty-five individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“Due to our strong working relationships and knowledge of the court-based advocate, we were able to help her coordinate with all parties and provide strength-based emotional support, so that the victim left the court feeling confident and assured in her capacity to bring positive, safe change to her situation.”

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Maryland Summary

On September 10, 2014, 22 out of 22 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Maryland participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 22 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,085 Victims Served in One Day

375 domestic violence victims (206 children and 169 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

710 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Emergency Shelter	77%
Therapy/Counseling for Adults (by a licensed practitioner)	64%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	59%
Transportation	41%
Bilingual Advocacy	36%
Therapy/Counseling for Children (by a licensed practitioner)	36%
Transitional Housing	32%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	27%

### 507 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 507 calls, averaging more than 21 hotline calls every hour.

### 264 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 264 individuals in communities across Maryland attended 13 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 160 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 37% (59) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 150 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was legal representation, followed by housing and financial assistance.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 32% reported reduced government funding.
- 18% reported reduced individual donations.
- 14% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 14% reported not enough staff.

Across Maryland, 27 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (68%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Fourteen individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"Our most recently sheltered mother, who along with her children filled our last open room, was able to receive service coordination, financial, and transportation assistance in order to maintain her part-time employment as she began her stay with us."

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Maine Summary

On September 10, 2014, 8 out of 8 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Maine participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 8 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 439 Victims Served in One Day

210 domestic violence victims (113 children and 97 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

229 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	100%
Emergency Shelter	88%
Rural Outreach	75%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	63%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	63%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	50%
Support/Advocacy to Victims of Trafficking	13%

### 113 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 113 calls, averaging more than 4 hotline calls every hour.

### 111 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 111 individuals in communities across Maine attended 7 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 55 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 53% (29) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 50 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn’t be provided was housing, followed by financial assistance and legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 25% reported reduced government funding.
- 25% reported reduced individual donations.
- 25% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 25% reported not enough staff.

Across Maine, 9 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (78%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Four individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“We were able to help a woman who was recently strangled by her abuser while she was holding her baby in her arms. We were able to offer this women space at our shelter and bring her in with her child providing safety for both mom and child.”

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Michigan Summary

On September 10, 2014, 48 out of 59 (81%) identified local domestic violence programs in Michigan participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 48 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 2,492 Victims Served in One Day

1,615 domestic violence victims (884 children and 731 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

877 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	92%
Emergency Shelter	90%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	56%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	50%
Group Support or Advocacy	40%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	40%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	13%

### 581 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 581 calls, averaging more than 24 hotline calls every hour.

### 169 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 169 individuals in communities across Michigan attended 15 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 315 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 45% (142) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 300 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn’t be provided was housing, followed by financial assistance and transportation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 56% reported reduced government funding.
- 27% reported not enough staff.
- 23% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 19% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Michigan, 50 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (80%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Forty-six individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“On the Census Day, we received a call from a local hospital regarding a woman who was in the hospital with a broken nose caused by her abuser. The woman was talking with the police because she was scared to return home. We housed her when she was released from the hospital so that she could be safe.”

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Minnesota Summary

On September 10, 2014, 46 out of 53 (87%) identified local domestic violence programs in Minnesota participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 46 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 2,456 Victims Served in One Day

933 domestic violence victims (505 children and 428 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,523 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Children’s Support or Advocacy	78%
Emergency Shelter	59%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	54%
Transportation	46%
Transitional Housing	35%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	26%
Rural Outreach	20%
Support/Advocacy to Victims of Trafficking	13%

### 675 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 675 calls, averaging more than 28 hotline calls every hour.

### 661 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 661 individuals in communities across Minnesota attended 40 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 406 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 57% (231) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 400 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn’t be provided was housing, followed by financial assistance and legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 28% reported reduced government funding.
- 24% reported not enough staff.
- 17% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 11% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Minnesota, 39 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (64%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Thirty-nine individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“On the Census Day, we had to turn away three women. One woman was pregnant and had two children, another woman had one child with her and the third woman came from out of town. We had to send these women away without giving them any sort of hope for a shelter or place to stay since all of the area shelters were full. It is very difficult to see women pleading while crying with their children as they walk out of our office.”

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Missouri Summary

On September 10, 2014, 68 out of 68 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Missouri participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 68 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,878 Victims Served in One Day

1,318 domestic violence victims (633 children and 685 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

560 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	97%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	81%
Emergency Shelter	76%
Transportation	65%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	46%
Group Support or Advocacy	44%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	43%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	41%

### 451 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 451 calls, averaging more than 18 hotline calls every hour.

### 420 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 420 individuals in communities across Missouri attended 25 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 432 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 47% (203) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 425 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn’t be provided was housing, followed by financial assistance, transportation, and legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 22% reported reduced government funding.
- 13% reported not enough staff.
- 13% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 12% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Missouri, 51 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (77%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Seventy-one individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“On the Census Day, we were contacted by an emergency room nurse. The nurse was calling on behalf of a victim who had arrived at the hospital early in the evening. The shelter was at capacity so we were unable to provide shelter for this woman. The nurse called three more times desperate to see if the status had changed. She delayed the victim’s hospital release as she hoped we would be able to serve her. Unfortunately, a bed did not become available before the victim left the hospital.”

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Mississippi Summary

On September 10, 2014, 13 out of 13 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Mississippi participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 13 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 465 Victims Served in One Day

393 domestic violence victims (197 children and 196 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

72 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children's Support or Advocacy	92%
Transportation	54%
Transitional Housing	46%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	46%
Childcare/Daycare	38%
Rural Outreach	31%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	8%

### 181 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 181 calls, averaging more than 7 hotline calls every hour.

### 414 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 414 individuals in communities across Mississippi attended 13 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 6 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made 6 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was housing, followed by counseling and financial assistance.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 38% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 31% reported reduced individual donations.
- 23% reported reduced government funding.
- 15% reported not enough staff.

Across Mississippi, 7 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (100%, such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Twenty-one individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"We were able to advocate for a family who was a victim of gun violence perpetrated by the child's father. The family was relocated to another state for safety; however, court advocacy services continue. On this day, we coordinated with the DA's office to assist the victim in preparing to testify in an upcoming hearing. We also worked with the Victim Compensation Division to financially assist the victim with the travel expenses associated with her cooperation with the prosecution."

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Montana Summary

On September 10, 2014, 19 out of 21 (90%) identified local domestic violence programs in Montana participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 19 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 401 Victims Served in One Day

238 domestic violence victims (122 children and 116 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

163 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	100%
Emergency Shelter	89%
Transportation	63%
Rural Outreach	47%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	42%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	32%
Support/Advocacy to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	5%

### 116 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 116 calls, averaging more than 4 hotline calls every hour.

### 210 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 210 individuals in communities across Montana attended 8 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 126 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 69% (87) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 120 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn’t be provided was housing, followed by legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 16% reported not enough staff.
- 11% reported reduced government funding.
- 5% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 5% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Montana, 11 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; 36% of these positions were direct services, such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Sixteen individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“We were able to bring a young mother with 2 children into the shelter on the Census Day. The family had lived in constant fear of the abusive partner who often became physically violent and was also emotionally abusive. With the help of our advocates, the family came into safe shelter, received support services and safety planning.”

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts North Carolina Summary

On September 10, 2014, 63 out of 89 (71%) identified local domestic violence programs in North Carolina participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 63 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,678 Victims Served in One Day

860 domestic violence victims (432 children and 428 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

818 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	98%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	86%
Emergency Shelter	84%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	52%
Bilingual Advocacy	24%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	17%
Rural Outreach	16%
Support/Advocacy to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	10%

### 637 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 637 calls, averaging more than 26 hotline calls every hour.

### 670 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 670 individuals in communities across North Carolina attended 42 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 151 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 68% (103) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 150 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn’t be provided was housing, followed by legal representation and financial assistance.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 30% reported reduced government funding.
- 19% reported reduced individual donations.
- 16% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 16% reported not enough staff.

Across North Carolina, 49 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (66%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. One hundred forty individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“On Census Day, one program was unable to help a victim with legal representation for child custody. A client had been granted a restraining order against her abuser which included unsupervised visitation with their daughter. When the abuser picked up the child the first time, he was verbally abusive to the victim, then literally threw the 5-year-old in the car with no car seat and left. He did not return her for two months. Since he took her from the city, the police wouldn’t help the victim get her back. The client had no money to hire an attorney and was very frightened about what would happen to her child.

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts North Dakota Summary

On September 10, 2014, 19 out of 20 (95%) identified local domestic violence programs in North Dakota participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 19 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 375 Victims Served in One Day

160 domestic violence victims (78 children and 82 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

215 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	95%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	74%
Emergency Shelter	58%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	53%
Transportation	32%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	26%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	21%
Childcare/Daycare	11%

### 109 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 109 calls, averaging more than 4 hotline calls every hour.

### 93 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 93 individuals in communities across North Dakota attended 4 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 32 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 22% (7) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 30 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn’t be provided was legal representation, followed by housing and counseling.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 16% reported reduced government funding.
- 11% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 5% reported reduced individual donations.
- 5% reported not enough staff.

Across North Dakota, 11 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (73%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Nine individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“On this date, an advocate performed follow-up stemming from a law enforcement report. This client had endured multiple strangulations, several head injuries, and terrorizing behavior at the hands of her abuser. Because our advocate followed up with this report, the client came into the office for services. She was able to receive crisis counseling and got assistance with a protection order, which has since been extended long-term. Because of this service, she was able to successfully escape her abusive husband and now has the safety net of a protection order at her disposal. She has also received ongoing emotional support and criminal justice advocacy throughout the process.

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Nebraska Summary

On September 10, 2014, 20 out of 21 (95%) identified local domestic violence programs in Nebraska participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 20 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 401 Victims Served in One Day

173 domestic violence victims (94 children and 79 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

228 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	95%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	85%
Emergency Shelter	65%
Transportation	55%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	35%
Bilingual Advocacy	35%
Rural Outreach	30%
Group Support or Advocacy	30%

### 171 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 171 calls, averaging more than 7 hotline calls every hour.

### 125 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 125 individuals in communities across Nebraska attended 13 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 85 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 93% (79) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 80 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn’t be provided was housing, followed by legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 25% reported reduced government funding.
- 15% reported reduced individual donations.
- 15% reported not enough staff.
- 10% reported cuts from private funding sources.

Across Nebraska, 9 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; all of these positions were direct services (100%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Twenty individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“Our shelter has five bedrooms; all were full on Census Day. We have a small library and a toy room, both were turned into bedrooms to accommodate families and we still had a request for shelter. There was literally no more room.”

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts New Hampshire Summary

On September 10, 2014, 13 out of 13 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in New Hampshire participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 13 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 268 Victims Served in One Day

145 domestic violence victims (67 children and 78 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

123 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Emergency Shelter	92%
Children's Support or Advocacy	69%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	54%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	38%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	31%
Transitional Housing	31%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	15%
Support/Advocacy to Victims of Trafficking	8%

### 120 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 120 calls, averaging 5 hotline calls every hour.

### 45 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 45 individuals in communities across New Hampshire attended 7 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 22 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 68% (15) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 20 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was housing, followed by legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 38% reported reduced government funding.
- 38% reported not enough staff.
- 15% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 8% reported reduced individual donations.

Across New Hampshire, 10 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (90%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Thirty-seven individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"We were unable to obtain a pro bono lawyer for a woman who had a permanent restraining order hearing. We were working on getting one for her hearing in late October when her husband expedited the matter, leaving her one day to find legal representation. Despite our best efforts, we were not able to find a lawyer on such short notice."

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts New Jersey Summary

On September 10, 2014, 21 out of 28 (75%) identified local domestic violence programs in New Jersey participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 21 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,109 Victims Served in One Day

495 domestic violence victims (273 children and 222 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

614 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	95%
Emergency Shelter	95%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	76%
Transitional Housing	67%
Transportation	67%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	62%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	57%

### 404 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 404 calls, averaging more than 16 hotline calls every hour.

### 469 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 469 individuals in communities across New Jersey attended 16 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 65 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 42% (27) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 60 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn’t be provided was housing, followed by financial assistance and legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 24% reported reduced government funding.
- 19% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 14% reported not enough staff.
- 10% reported reduced individual donations.

Across New Jersey, 26 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (79%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Nine individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“A female victim had a scheduled appointment with one of our legal advocates to discuss options available to her about her final restraining order (FRO) against her ex-husband. She reported that her ex-husband was bringing her back to court to file a motion to dismiss the FRO. The client was receptive to exploring her options. She stated that our program “saved her life.” She built a strong support system and feels empowered. This client sees our agency as a strong and encouraging resource as her battle continues.

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts New Mexico Summary

On September 10, 2014, 16 out of 32 (50%) identified local domestic violence programs in New Mexico participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 16 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 610 Victims Served in One Day

411 domestic violence victims (214 children and 197 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

199 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	75%
Emergency Shelter	69%
Group Support or Advocacy	69%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	50%
Transportation	50%
Transitional Housing	44%
Support/Advocacy to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	13%

### 156 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 156 calls, averaging more than 6 hotline calls every hour.

### 159 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 159 individuals in communities across New Mexico attended 7 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 64 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 31% (20) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 60 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn’t be provided was housing, followed by legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 38% reported reduced government funding.
- 38% reported reduced individual donations.
- 38% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 13% reported not enough staff.

Across New Mexico, 14 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (64%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Eleven individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“During the day of the Census, we were able to provide transitional housing to a client of ours who had been residing in the emergency shelter. The client will be placed in a home where she can live for up to 24 months while working towards permanent housing. This is a new program that we have just started this year for survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Housing is not easy to attain in our area as affordable housing is pretty non-existent, but with this program we hope to be able to provide this service to more of our survivors as we support them in the process of finding housing.”

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Nevada Summary

On September 10, 2014, 15 out of 15 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Nevada participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 15 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 493 Victims Served in One Day

202 domestic violence victims (117 children and 85 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

291 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	80%
Emergency Shelter	73%
Children's Support or Advocacy	73%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	60%
Transportation	60%
Group Support or Advocacy	53%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	47%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	47%

### 168 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 168 calls, averaging 7 hotline calls every hour.

### 55 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 55 individuals in communities across Nevada attended 4 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 79 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 42% (33) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 75 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was housing, followed by counseling and legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 47% reported reduced government funding.
- 40% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 27% reported reduced individual donations.
- 27% reported not enough staff.

Across Nevada, 17 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (78%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Twenty-six individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"I attended a hearing to extend a temporary protection order with a survivor. I sat next to her during the hearing. We had police reports and text messages from the perpetrator as well as pictures of him driving by her house. The perpetrator was in the courtroom trying to intimidate her with looks and gestures. After hearing her testimony, the judge granted the survivor an extension of her protection order."

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts New York Summary

On September 10, 2014, 71 out of 96 (74%) identified local domestic violence programs in New York participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 71 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 4,084 Victims Served in One Day

2,230 domestic violence victims (1,242 children and 988 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,854 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Emergency Shelter	76%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	66%
Transportation	66%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	58%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	54%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	39%
Transitional Housing	28%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	27%

### 1,045 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 1,045 calls, averaging more than 43 hotline calls every hour.

### 1,041 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1,041 individuals in communities across New York attended 52 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 605 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 40% (242) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 600 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn’t be provided was housing, followed by counseling and legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 29% reported reduced government funding.
- 13% reported not enough staff.
- 8% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 8% reported reduced individual donations.

Across New York, 55 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (86%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Seventy-eight individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“An advocate assisted a client in obtaining a temporary order of protection, emergency custody order, a backpack and school supplies for her daughter, and assisted the client in getting her daughter’s prescription waived through a local not-for-profit program. The advocate told her about, and referred her to, the Office of Victim Services to apply for compensation.”

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Ohio Summary

On September 10, 2014, 68 out of 68 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Ohio participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 68 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,839 Victims Served in One Day

943 domestic violence victims (481 children and 462 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

896 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	99%
Children's Support or Advocacy	78%
Emergency Shelter	74%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	69%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	37%
Transitional Housing	24%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	12%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	7%

### 659 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 659 calls, averaging more than 27 hotline calls every hour.

### 604 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 604 individuals in communities across Ohio attended 31 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 249 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 37% (92) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 240 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was housing, followed by legal representation.

#### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 22% reported reduced government funding.
- 13% reported reduced individual donations.
- 13% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 13% reported not enough staff.

Across Ohio, 30 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (80%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Twenty-eight individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"A caller who was 5 months pregnant and had 2 additional children at home phoned into our hotline because she was being severely emotionally and financially abused by her husband. She sounded afraid and it was obvious that this was her first attempt at seeking help. Her husband had been withholding basic necessities from her and the children. She said she had very little food and that he never gave her any money to buy household goods. We discussed shelter and legal advocacy as well as long-term housing options for her and her children. I could hear her voice change from scared to relieved as she discovered that there was help available. I am hopeful that she will turn to our agency when she is ready and that she will rest easier knowing that she has help available."

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Oklahoma Summary

On September 10, 2014, 29 out of 36 (81%) identified local domestic violence programs in Oklahoma participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 29 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 828 Victims Served in One Day

479 domestic violence victims (221 children and 258 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

349 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	48%
Prevention Services and Educational Programs	38%
Therapy/Counseling for Adults (by a licensed practitioner)	21%
Therapy/Counseling for Children (by a licensed practitioner)	21%
Rural Outreach	21%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	17%
Transitional Housing	17%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	7%

### 325 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 325 calls, averaging more than 13 hotline calls every hour.

### 232 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 232 individuals in communities across Oklahoma attended 13 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 68 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 56% (38) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 50 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was housing, followed by legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 28% reported reduced government funding.
- 10% reported reduced individual donations.
- 7% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 7% reported not enough staff.

Across Oklahoma, 22 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (60%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Twenty individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"A woman called the hotline revealing that her young daughter was taken by the abuser after he beat the caller in the presence of the child. We were able to assist her with thinking through who she felt safe to contact and what she wanted to report to law enforcement and child welfare. The caller and her child are now safely residing in our shelter."

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Oregon Summary

On September 10, 2014, 44 out of 52 (85%) identified local domestic violence programs in Oregon participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 44 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,607 Victims Served in One Day

659 domestic violence victims (350 children and 309 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

948 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children's Support or Advocacy	73%
Emergency Shelter	70%
Transportation	45%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	41%
Transitional Housing	39%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	39%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	7%

### 628 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 628 calls, averaging more than 26 hotline calls every hour.

### 331 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 331 individuals in communities across Oregon attended 25 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 344 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 60% (206) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 340 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was housing, followed by legal representation.

#### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 32% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 30% reported reduced government funding.
- 23% reported not enough staff.
- 20% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Oregon, 36 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (76%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Fifty-five individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"The Department of Human Services (DHS) in our service area called our hotline looking for help for a survivor trying to leave an abusive partner with her two small children. Our shelter was full, but an advocate was able to give the survivor numbers to other DV shelters in the area, and DHS provided space for her to make the calls. The survivor was accepted into a nearby shelter. Advocates met her to safety plan, buy her gas, and give her some food for the drive to the new shelter."

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Pennsylvania Summary

On September 10, 2014, 60 out of 60 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Pennsylvania participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 60 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 2,498 Victims Served in One Day

1,373 domestic violence victims (713 children and 660 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,125 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children's Support or Advocacy	90%
Emergency Shelter	80%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	80%
Group Support or Advocacy	52%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	43%
Transportation	38%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	28%

### 744 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 744 calls, averaging 31 hotline calls every hour.

### 1,941 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1,941 individuals in communities across Pennsylvania attended 62 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 252 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 73% (184) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 250 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was housing, followed by legal representation

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 27% reported reduced government funding.
- 17% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 15% reported not enough staff.
- 10% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Pennsylvania, 46 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (75%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Thirty-seven individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"On Wednesday, September 10, 2014, a current client called the center wanting to talk about a recent violation of her PFA and to let an advocate know that there was going to be a court hearing regarding the violation later that afternoon. She requested that she would like an advocate to be there to support her at the hearing. An advocate was available to attend the hearing. At the hearing, the client met with an Assistant DA and our attorney was also available to meet this client as she was the attorney who represented her at the original PFA hearing. The defendant pled guilty and was sentenced to jail time. The client felt relieved that she did not have to testify and that her PFA was extended."

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Puerto Rico Summary

On September 10, 2014, 13 out of 16 (81%) identified local domestic violence programs in Puerto Rico participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 13 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 478 Victims Served in One Day

277 domestic violence victims (161 children and 116 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

201 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	92%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	69%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	62%
Transportation	54%
Emergency Shelter	38%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	38%
Childcare/Daycare	31%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	8%

### 93 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 93 calls, averaging more than 3 hotline calls every hour.

### 53 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 53 individuals in communities across Puerto Rico attended 6 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 12 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 58% (7) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 10 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn’t be provided was housing, followed by legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 54% reported reduced government funding.
- 31% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 23% reported not enough staff.
- 8% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Puerto Rico, 44 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (67%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Nineteen individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“Domestic violence service providers are confronted daily with families who have complex needs and must often operate in environments where resources are scarce. Programs are working across service systems to better address the needs of this vulnerable population, but there are still major gaps in services and many victims’ needs are not being met.”

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Rhode Island Summary

On September 10, 2014, 6 out of 6 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Rhode Island participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 6 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 323 Victims Served in One Day

118 domestic violence victims (65 children and 53 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

205 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Emergency Shelter	100%
Transitional Housing	83%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	83%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	67%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	67%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	67%
Group Support or Advocacy	50%

### 102 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 102 calls, averaging more than 4 hotline calls every hour.

### 95 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 95 individuals in communities across Rhode Island attended 3 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 110 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 88% (97) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 100 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn’t be provided was housing, followed by legal representation and financial assistance.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 83% reported reduced government funding.
- 50% reported not enough staff.
- 33% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 17% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Rhode Island, 5 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (80%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Seven individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“We had a client who spent three months in our shelter. She then moved into our transitional housing program with her three children. While in our transitional housing, she started a job training program. She completed her job training program. On Census Day, she had her first paycheck at her new job. She also learned that because she had scored so high on her test, she would be given a scholarship for the EMT program. She is very excited to become an EMT.”

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts South Carolina Summary

On September 10, 2014, 11 out of 12 (92%), identified local domestic violence programs in South Carolina participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 11 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 390 Victims Served in One Day

217 domestic violence victims (101 children and 116 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

173 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Emergency Shelter	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	91%
Transportation	73%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	45%
Transitional Housing	36%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	36%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	27%

### 120 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 120 calls, averaging 5 hotline calls every hour.

### 480 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 480 individuals in communities across South Carolina attended 10 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 9 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made 9 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn’t be provided was housing, followed by counseling, and legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 27% reported reduced government funding.
- 27% reported reduced individual donations.
- 27% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 9% reported not enough staff.

Across South Carolina, 21 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“On September 10, 2014, an advocate took a client to Vocational Rehabilitation for an intake appointment. This will be a giant step for this client. This will help her to either get a job or get the information needed to apply for disability. On the same day the individual was accepted into HUD subsidized housing. She will get her keys on Monday, September 15th. This is the first time she will have her own place and start her journey out of homelessness. This is a milestone for this client who has been in and out of our program for over 18 years.”

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts South Dakota Summary

On September 10, 2014, 15 out of 47 (32%) identified local domestic violence programs in South Dakota participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 15 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 238 Victims Served in One Day

152 domestic violence victims (93 children and 59 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

86 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	93%
Emergency Shelter	73%
Children's Support or Advocacy	73%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	53%
Childcare/Daycare	33%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	27%
Rural Outreach	20%
Transitional Housing	13%

### 74 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 74 calls, averaging more than 3 hotline calls every hour.

### 143 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 143 individuals in communities across South Dakota attended 7 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 10 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made 10 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was housing, followed by legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 13% reported reduced government funding.
- 13% reported not enough staff.
- 13% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 7% reported reduced individual donations.

Across South Dakota, 3 individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"A woman who had been in our shelter in the past called to say that she was having a problem with paying her utility bill and wanted our assistance. We did not have the funds to help her. However we did give her some phone numbers of other people that might be able to help her."

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Tennessee Summary

On September 10, 2014, 32 out of 32 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Tennessee participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 32 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 868 Victims Served in One Day

530 domestic violence victims (211 children and 319 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

338 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	94%
Emergency Shelter	91%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	69%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	53%
Transitional Housing	34%
Support/Advocacy to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	9%
Support/Advocacy to Victims of Trafficking	6%

### 425 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 425 calls, averaging more than 17 hotline calls every hour.

### 1,077 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1,077 individuals in communities across Tennessee attended 30 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 81 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 59% (48) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 75 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn’t be provided was housing, followed by legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 13% reported reduced government funding.
- 13% reported not enough staff.
- 13% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 9% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Tennessee, 15 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (89%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Forty individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“We helped a family move into their own home after a 6-week stay in shelter. The survivor worked hard to secure employment, an order of protection, and safe reliable child care so that she would not have to rely on the abuser for a place to live. The family moved out with only the bare necessities but they were so happy to be beginning their new life.”

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Texas Summary

On September 10, 2014, 78 out of 93 (84%) identified local domestic violence programs in Texas participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 78 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 4,867 Victims Served in One Day

3,107 domestic violence victims (1,727 children and 1,380 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

1,760 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	99%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	90%
Emergency Shelter	82%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	64%
Bilingual Advocacy	64%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	42%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	32%
Transitional Housing	32%

### 1,517 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 1,517 calls, averaging more than 63 hotline calls every hour.

### 1,598 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 1,598 individuals in communities across Texas attended 78 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 1,516 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 34% (515) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 1,500 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently needed service that couldn’t be provided was housing, followed by legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 19% reported reduced government funding.
- 15% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 12% reported not enough staff.
- 10% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Texas, 62 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (76%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Sixty-eight individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“A woman walked in with her baby. She was so grateful to have found us. She had been asking others for help for a number of days. Finally an agency we work closely with referred her to us. She wanted to know her options. Her husband was out of town so she was safe for now. She worked with an advocate on safety planning and put a plan in place. She had the hotline number and was going to get things together if she needed to leave suddenly. She had an appointment with a lawyer to discuss her options if she chose a divorce.”

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Utah Summary

On September 10, 2014, 17 out of 17 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Utah participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 17 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 928 Victims Served in One Day

619 domestic violence victims (360 children and 259 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

309 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children's Support or Advocacy	100%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	59%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	47%
Support/Advocacy to Elder Victims of Abuse	29%
Rural Outreach	24%
Support/Advocacy to Victims of Trafficking	18%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	6%

### 199 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 199 calls, averaging more than 8 hotline calls every hour.

### 171 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 171 individuals in communities across Utah attended 10 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 135 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 75% (101) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 130 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was housing, followed by counseling, and legal representation.

#### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 47% reported reduced government funding.
- 29% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 29% reported not enough staff.
- 12% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Utah, 20 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (68%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Eleven individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"On the Census Day we had a woman call who was attempting to leave her partner that day. She was being harassed by his family and threatened with a gun. Unfortunately, our shelter was completely full and we were unable to house her."

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Virginia Summary

On September 10, 2014, 49 out of 49 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Virginia participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 49 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,412 Victims Served in One Day

847 domestic violence victims (424 children and 423 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

565 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Children's Support or Advocacy	88%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	55%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	49%
Bilingual Advocacy	24%
Support/Advocacy to Elder Victims of Abuse	22%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	22%
Support/Advocacy to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	12%
Support/Advocacy to Victims of Trafficking	4%

### 558 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 558 calls, averaging more than 23 hotline calls every hour.

### 730 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 730 individuals in communities across Virginia attended 29 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 281 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 75% (211) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 280 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was housing, followed by counseling, and legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 29% reported reduced government funding.
- 18% reported reduced individual donations.
- 16% reported not enough staff.
- 6% reported cuts from private funding sources.

Across Virginia, 14 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (80%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Fifty-six individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"A local doctor called our shelter seeking help. He had a mom and her children in the office. When she was alone with the doctor, she began disclosing that she was in an abusive relationship and wanted to get out. We safety planned with her and worked with the health care provider and police to transport her and her children safely to the shelter."

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts The Virgin Islands Summary

On September 10, 2014, 2 out of 2 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in the Virgin Islands participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 2 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 122 Victims Served in One Day

33 domestic violence victims (22 children and 11 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

89 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Children's Support or Advocacy	100%
Emergency Shelter	100%
Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	100%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	100%
Transitional Housing	50%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	50%
Childcare/Daycare	0%

### 8 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 8 calls.

### 4 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 4 individuals in communities across the Virgin Islands attended a training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 13 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day

Victims made 13 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was cash assistance, followed by housing, counseling, transportation, and legal representation.

Across the Virgin Islands, 7 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (86%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help.

"Survivors of domestic violence in the Virgin Islands face so many barriers. It is an honor to serve them; however, there are never enough resources."

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Vermont Summary

On September 10, 2014, 12 out of 12 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Vermont participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 12 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 323 Victims Served in One Day

167 domestic violence victims (78 children and 89 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

156 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Emergency Shelter	67%
Children's Support or Advocacy	58%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	58%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	50%
Advocacy Related to Mental Health	42%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	42%
Advocacy Related to Disability Issues	25%
Advocacy Related to Immigration	17%

### 101 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 101 calls, averaging more than 4 hotline calls every hour.

### 19 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 19 individuals in communities across Vermont attended 2 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 20 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 45% (9) Were for Housing

Victims made 20 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was housing, followed by transportation and legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 50% reported reduced government funding.
- 33% reported not enough staff.
- 33% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 25% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Vermont, 19 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (85%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Thirty-nine individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"During this Census Day, a survivor of domestic violence was able to come into shelter, obtain a temporary RFA, gain assistance for clothing, needed personal items, phone access and food. She arrived via transportation from a police officer and essentially the clothing on her back."

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Washington Summary

On September 10, 2014, 54 out of 63 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Washington participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 54 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,930 Victims Served in One Day

1,026 domestic violence victims (570 children and 456 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

904 adults and children received advocacy and services other than shelter, including individual support and counseling, legal advocacy, help finding or retaining permanent housing, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	94%
Emergency Shelter	78%
Children's Support or Advocacy	67%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	56%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	43%
Bilingual Advocacy	43%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	35%
Support/Advocacy to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	17%

### 603 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 603 calls, averaging more than 25 hotline calls every hour.

### 642 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 642 individuals in communities across Washington attended 14 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 549 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 89% (489) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 540 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was housing, followed by legal representation.

#### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 22% reported reduced government funding.
- 20% reported not enough staff.
- 19% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 9% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Washington, 48 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (80%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Seventy individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"A mother with 5 children had experienced ongoing abuse and had challenges finding adequate and affordable housing for her family. She had no source of income. When fleeing her abuser, she had to leave behind birth certificates and Social Security cards, which she needed to apply for housing. With help from our case manager, supportive community agencies and family members, she got her documents back, received TANF, began seeking employment, and was accepted for permanent housing. She and her children moved out of our shelter into their new three-bedroom home."

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Wisconsin Summary

On September 10, 2014, 63 out of 71 (89%) identified local domestic violence programs in Wisconsin participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 63 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 1,949 Victims Served in One Day

954 domestic violence victims (494 children and 460 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

995 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	95%
Children's Support or Advocacy	78%
Emergency Shelter	63%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	46%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	38%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	37%
Support/Advocacy to Teen Victims of Dating Violence	13%
Legal Representation by an Attorney	6%

### 685 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 685 calls, averaging more than 28 hotline calls every hour.

### 692 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 692 individuals in communities across Wisconsin attended 25 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 367 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 89% (327) Were for Housing

Victims made more than 350 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was housing, followed by financial assistance and legal representation.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 25% reported reduced government funding.
- 22% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 17% reported reduced individual donations.
- 10% reported not enough staff.

Across Wisconsin, 36 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (72%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Seventy-one individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"On the Census Day, our advocate met with a 19 year-old survivor with a baby. She had been physically and sexually abused. She is fearful for the safety of her child and herself. She will be coming into shelter today as a result of this conversation."

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts West Virginia Summary

On September 10, 2014, 14 out of 14 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in West Virginia participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 14 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 306 Victims Served in One Day

113 domestic violence victims (54 children and 59 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

193 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	100%
Emergency Shelter	93%
Children's Support or Advocacy	93%
Court/Legal Accompaniment/Advocacy	86%
Rural Outreach	64%
Transportation	43%
Support/Advocacy to Elder Victims of Abuse	43%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	36%

### 119 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 119 calls, averaging 4 hotline calls every hour.

### 82 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 82 individuals in communities across West Virginia attended 5 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 9 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 22% (2) Were for Housing

Victims made 9 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed service that couldn't be provided was legal representation, followed by housing.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 14% reported reduced government funding.
- 14% reported not enough staff.

Across West Virginia, 16 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (83%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Thirteen individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

"One survivor that received services today is one step closer to obtaining affordable housing for herself and her three children. This particular survivor is an immigrant who has a language barrier. Because of the services she is receiving, she will become more self-sufficient when she exits the shelter to be on her own."

— Advocate



# '14

## Domestic Violence Counts Wyoming Summary

On September 10, 2014, 23 out of 23 (100%) identified local domestic violence programs in Wyoming participated in the 2014 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information reported by the 23 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

### 279 Victims Served in One Day

137 domestic violence victims (70 children and 67 adults) found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

109 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including counseling, legal advocacy, and children’s support groups.

This chart shows the percentage of programs that provided the following services on the Census Day.

Services Provided by Local Programs:	Sept. 10
Individual Support or Advocacy	83%
Children’s Support or Advocacy	57%
Emergency Shelter	43%
Transitional Housing	35%
Prevention Services and/or Educational Programs	35%
Rural Outreach	30%
Advocacy Related to Housing Office/Landlord	22%
Financial Skills/Budgeting	22%

### 109 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, local and state hotlines answered 109 calls, averaging more than 4 hotline calls every hour.

### 67 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 67 individuals in communities across Wyoming attended 4 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much-needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

### 20 Unmet Requests for Services in One Day, of Which 5% (1) Were for Housing

Victims made 20 requests for services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, and non-residential services, which could not be provided because programs did not have the resources to provide these services. The most frequently-needed services that couldn’t be provided were legal representation and housing.

### Cause of Unmet Requests for Help

- 35% reported reduced government funding.
- 22% reported not enough staff.
- 13% reported cuts from private funding sources.
- 9% reported reduced individual donations.

Across Wyoming, 14 staff positions were eliminated in the past year; most of these positions were direct services (71%), such as shelter or legal advocates, so there were fewer advocates to answer calls for help. Twenty-one individual services at local programs were reduced or eliminated in the past year.

“We assisted a young victim of a vicious beating by her boyfriend resulting in serious injury and a 3-month recovery. We filed a protection order and worked with the County Attorney’s office until her offender was arrested. She feels safer and more confident in her decision to report her offender to law enforcement. She doesn’t feel alone anymore and knows where to find help to live a life of freedom and peace.”

— Advocate

